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DATE: 3/19/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-215

Ashley Wimberley, Director Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Christina Wallace

Address: 126 Grey Eagle Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115

Office/Position: Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters

Dates of Service: 2018

Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 2

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment

Report ID: PFD19006729
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/15/2019

NOD-amend Received: 11/16/2020 - Mail Carrier (Covid-19) Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD:11/25/2020

Amendment/Answer Filed: 12/1/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300 Days late from receipt of NOD: 6

Total days late from initial due date: 566 Late Fee Order Received: 1/20/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/9/2021

Waiver Request Received: 1/26/2021

COMMENTS:

Christina Wallace is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of her 2018 amendment for her final year on the board. Ms. Wallace stated that although the USPS Tracking shows the NOD being delivered on 11/16/2020, the letter was not placed in her mailbox until 11/25/2020. She stated because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the postal worker did not have her sign for the notice, although it was certified mail. She's noticed the mail delivery has been slow since the Covid-19 Pandemic and the street name was misspelled on the NOD as well. She thinks it may have been delivered to the wrong address first, then rerouted to her when she received it, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving on 11/25/2020. Ms. Wallace stated the next business day was 11/30/2020 and she contacted the Compliance Officer who issued her the letter for help. On 12/1/2020, she faxed the amended disclosure. Ms. Wallace is asking the Ethics Board to waive her \$300 life filing penalty due to the circumstance outside of her control (the USPS Office).

This is Ms. Wallace first late filing and first late fee assessment.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
 Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
 - Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

SENT VIA FAX TO (225) 381-7271

January 26, 2021

Christina M. Wallace

126 Grey Eagle Drive Shreveport, Louisiana 71115

Louisiana Board of Ethics

P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Dear Members of the Louisiana Board of Ethics:

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against me for filing my amendment to my Tier 2.1 Annual Disclosure Statement for the year 2018 on 12/1/20. Although the notice was sent via certified mail and the green card shows that I received the Notice of Delinquency on 11/16/20, it was not put in my mailbox until 11/25/20. Because of COVID-19, the postal worker did not have me sign for it, even though it was certified mail. I have noticed mail delivery has slowed because of the pandemic, and also, my street address was misspelled on the envelope and it could have been delivered to the wrong address initially. All I know for sure is that I did not receive it until 11/25/20 which was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The next business day was 11/30/20, and I called and spoke with Compliance Officer, Tammy Frazier. Then, on 12/1/20, I faxed the Amended Disclosure Statement to the Board office. I am enclosing in my correspondence a copy of the notification letter I received on 11/25/20 along with a copy of the green card.

For the above reasons, I am asking the Board to grant a waiver of the \$300 fee assessed against me because the amendment was filed late due to circumstances beyond my control, and I filed the Amended Disclosure as soon as possible after I received actual notice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Sincerely.

Christina M. Wallace

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